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SUBJ: ROLES AND ACTIVITIES OF MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED  
TO SECURITY ASSISTANCE DUTIES IN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ABROAD

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1. I HAVE JUST READ STATE 47743 REGARDING ROLE OF MILITARY  
PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO SECURITY ASSISTANCE DUTIES IN DIPLOMATIC  
MISSIONS ABROAD. THIS EMBASSY CURRENTLY HAS THREE MEMBERS OF  
ARMED FORCES IN OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION (ODC) ESTABLISHED  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 515 (C) OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961  
AS AMENDED.

2. UNDER SECTION 515 (F) OF SAME LEGISLATION DEFENSE ATTACHES  
MAY BE AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM OVERSEAS MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS  
RELATED TO SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS "IF THE PRESIDENT  
DETERMINES THAT THE PERFORMANCE OF SUCH FUNCTIONS BY DEFENSE  
ATTACHES IS THE MOST ECONOMIC AND EFFICIENT MEANS OF PERFORMING  
SUCH FUNCTIONS." ON SEVERAL PAST OCCASIONS I HAVE RECOMMENDED  
DETP AND DOD AUTHORIZE SUCH ARRANGEMENT FOR THE NETHERLANDS.  
IN ANY EVENT I HAVE OPERATED ON ASSUMPTION ODC HERE WOULD  
EVENTUALLY GO OUT OF BUSINESS, PERHAPS WITHIN TWO YEARS.  
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3. I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE MILITARY COMPLEMENT NOW IN EMBASSY  
IS OUT OF PROPORTION TO REST OF EMBASSY STAFF. MOREOVER,  
US MILITARY OFFICERS IN EMBASSY CONSTITUTE BETTER THAN HALF  
OF FOREIGN OFFICERS ATTACHED TO OTHER EMBASSIES. THE DEPARTMENT  
WILL RECALL THAT I PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED THAT WHEN ASSIGNMENTS  
OF PRESENT OFFICERS OF ODC TERMINATE, NO REPLACEMENT SHOULD BE

NAMED SO THAT BY GRADUAL ATTRITION ODC WOULD DROP TO SINGLE OFFICER-PREFERABLY ARMY. AT THE TIME I MADE THIS RECOMMENDATION I ALSO STATED THAT SENIOR ODC (AF COLONEL) BELIEVED THAT ODC SHOULD REMAIN AT PRESENT SIZE FOR NEXT TWO TO THREE YEARS. HE STILL MAINTAINS THIS POSITION, WITH WHICH I DISAGREE FOR REASONS I HAVE GIVEN IN OTHER MESSAGES.

4. HOWEVER, MATTER HAS NOW MOVED TO A NEW STAGE. IT ASSUMES PARTICULAR AGENCY SINCE TOUR OF INCUMBENT HEAD OF ODC AIR FORCE COLONEL ENDS SEPTEMBER 1978. HIS MILITARY HEADQUARTERS IN GERMANY HAS NOTIFIED HIM THAT IT IS "PREPARING REQUISITION TO OBTAIN A REPLACEMENT" TO FILL HIS POSITION. INCUMBENT HAS REPLIED BY CABLE, INDICATING REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS. IN ADDITION, ARMY LT. COL. IN ODC IS SLATED TO RETURN TO U.S. IN JULY, WITH HIS REPLACEMENT STILL TO BE NAMED.

5. WITH SUCH PERSONNEL CHANGES IMMINENT I BELIEVE WE HAVE REACHED OPTIMUM MOMENT TO ACT ON RECOMMENDATIONS I HAVE REPEATEDLY MADE. RESULTS WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE AND ECONOMICAL USE OF PERSONNEL; LOWER MILITARY PROFILE OF US EMBASSY IN COMPARISON TO OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HERE; AND MORE EQUITABLE BALANCE IN TOTAL EMBASSY RESOURCES.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPT SEEK PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION TO COMBINE ODC AND DAO FUNCTIONS IN NETHERLANDS AND IN MEANTIME THAT ASSIGNMENT OF NEW PERSONNEL TO ODC BE DEFERRED.  
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